

**Teacher Guide:  
Compare/contrast the US Constitution and the Iraqi Constitution – key**

**US Constitution**

**Iraqi Constitution**

**US Constitution**

1. US is secular state
2. Freedom of speech?  
Hate crimes?
3. No explicit protection of the family (DOMA?)
4. Obamacare
5. 5 Title IX
6. Three branches of government
7. Except on federal land, natural resources are privately owned and managed

**Similarities**

- We the People
- Separation of Powers
- Protection of personal property, eminent domain
- No double jeopardy
- Economic Exploitation of children prohibited
- Freedom of expression, press, assembly
  - Freedom of worship
- President must be citizen by birth
- government powers shared between federal and state authorities

**Iraqi Constitution**

1. Article 2 - Islam is the official religion of the State and fundamental source of legislation
2. Article 7 – No racism, “calling of others infidels”
3. Article 29 – family is the foundation of society, rights and obligations
4. Article 31 – Every citizen has the right to health care.
5. Every Iraqi has the right to engage in sports
6. Article 45 – separation of powers
7. Article 65 – President must be known for integrity, etc., no convicted of a crime involving “moral turpitude”
8. Article 109 – Oil revenues are nationalized